AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pages 6,7 of this reply contain my suggested amendments to the Claims.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Pages 8-10 of this reply contain my suggested amendments to the Brief Description of the Several Views of the Drawing (p.8) and to the Detailed Description of the Invention (p.8,9,10).

DRAWING AMENDMENTS

Pages 11-14 of this reply contain my suggested changes to the drawings.

The numbering of the pages can be found on the back side of each drawing sheet.

The Remarks section of this reply contains a detailed explanation of the changes made (see p.15).

CLEAN VERSION

A clean version of my revised patent application is attached to these amendments (behind p.16). The numbering of the pages of the Clean Version starts with 1. Page 3 was amended by shifting the beginning of the Brief Description onto page 4 and by starting the Claims section on a new page (p.7) (see point 3. of your Detailed Action date of mailing 02/28/2003).

LISTING OF CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended):

What I claim as my invention is

A knee or lower leg support for crutches which have a hand grip or an axillary support comprising

a padded cushion serving as support for the flexed knee or a part of the lower leg

a cushion bearing plate with a suitably shaped surface onto which said cushion can be placed and fixed

a plate holder to which said cushion bearing plate is rigidly fixed

one or several clamp elements which are fixed to said plate holder and which allow a firm but detachable fixation of said leg support to the upright member of a crutch.

Claim 2 (original):

A rest element which can be used together with a leg support for crutches comprising

a fixation component which allows a sufficiently stable fixation of said rest element to the upright member of a crutch

a push component which pushes against the thigh or torso from the front or the back side of a person using a crutch equipped with said leg support when said person exerts a suitable force on said crutch.



Claim 3 (original):

A rest element which can be used together with a leg support for crutches comprising

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a push component protruding from the handle portion or the upright member of a crutch, so that said push component pushes against the thigh or torso from the front or the back side of a person using said crutch when said person exerts a suitable force on said crutch.